

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Lisa Ryan-Lindquist on January 8, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification:

In line 3 of page 4, before "layer", "inner" has been inserted.

In line 4 of page 4, before "layer", "outer" has been inserted.

In line 30 of page 4, after "areas.", the following has been inserted: "This would result in the entire body portion of the balloon being uncrosslinked."

In the claims:

In line 6 of claim 1, "polymer" has been deleted and has been replaced with "polymeric".

In line 7 of claim 1, "polymer" has been deleted and has been replaced with "polymeric".

In line 5 of claim 17, before "body portion", "entire" has been inserted.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: As to claim 1, the dilatation balloon having a first inner layer with a first polymeric composition and a

second outer layer with a second polymeric composition where the second polymeric composition on the body portion of the balloon is uncrosslinked in addition to the other structural limitations was not found in the prior art. As to claim 17, the dilatation balloon having a first inner layer with a first polymeric composition and a second outer layer with a second composition where the entire body portion of the balloon is uncrosslinked in addition to the other structural limitations was not found in the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BHISMA MEHTA whose telephone number is (571)272-3383. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 3:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Simons can be reached on 571-272-4965. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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